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What is claimed is:

1. A method for responding to an electronic message comprising:
 - presenting a main message with at least one option;
 - 5 determining whether the at least one option was selected;
 - presenting information related to the selected option; and
 - determining whether the selected option is to be transmitted.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one option is selected by using a remote control device.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one option is selected by selecting a first number on a remote control device, wherein the first number corresponds to a second number related to the at least one option.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein an electronic message identifying the selected option is automatically generated to be sent if the selected option is determined to be transmitted.
- 20 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the electronic message is unalterable by a user.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining whether a second option has been selected if it is determined that the selected option is not to be transmitted.
- 25 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the second option is selected by selecting a key on a remote control device, wherein the key corresponds to the second option.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the key represents a number corresponding to a number associated with the second option.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the selected option is identified in a header of a message if the selected option is to be transmitted.

10. A method for sending an electronic message comprising:

5 providing a main message;

providing at least one option;

providing information related to the at least one option, wherein the information is to be presented after the at least one option has been presented and after the at least one option has been selected; and

10 transmitting the electronic message.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one option is to be selected by using a remote control device.

15 12. The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one option is to be selected by selecting a first number on a remote control device, wherein the first number corresponds to a second number related to the at least one option.

20 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one option is to be identified in an automatically generated reply message if the at least one option is selected.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the selected option is identified in a header of the reply message if the selected option is to be transmitted.

25 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the automatically generated reply message is unalterable by a user.

16. A system for responding to an electronic message comprising:

30 a processor configured to present a main message with at least one option; determine whether the at least one option was selected; present information related to the selected option; and determine whether the selected option is to be transmitted; and

a memory coupled with the processor, wherein the memory is configured to provide instructions to the processor.

17. A system for sending an electronic message comprising:
a processor configured to provide a main message; provide at least one option; provide information related to the at least one option, wherein the information is to be presented after the at least one option has been presented and after the at least one option has been selected; and transmit the electronic message; and
a memory coupled with the processor, the memory being configured to provide the processor with instructions.

10 18. A computer program product for responding to an electronic message comprising:
computer code presenting a main message with at least one option;
computer code determining whether the at least one option was selected;
computer code presenting information related to the selected option;
computer code determining whether the selected option is to be transmitted; and
a computer readable medium that stores the computer codes.

15 19. The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the computer readable medium is selected from the group consisting of CD-ROM, floppy disk, tape, flash memory, system memory, hard drive, and data signal embodied in a carrier wave.

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